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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH  
REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE  
SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present papers are submitted in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed September 4, 2001. The present paper is timely filed as it is being filed prior to the expiration date of the period to respond, which date is **November 4, 2001**. No request for extension of time is deemed necessary. However, should a request for extension of time be necessary, please consider this paper to constitute such a request.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification to read as set forth below (clean copies of the amended paragraphs are presented below while marked-up versions of the amended paragraphs are included on a separate attachment per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121):